

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

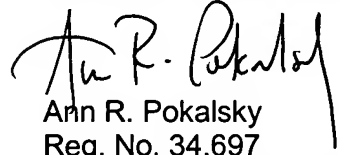
In response to the Office Action of September 7, 2007, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer herewith and the following remarks.

Claims 11-19 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent 6,384,046. In response to the rejection, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, disclaiming that portion of the term of any patent issuing on the above-identified application which would extend past the term of U.S. Pat. No. 6,384,046. Applicants respectfully submit that obviousness of claims 11-19 over claims 1-4 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,384,046 is not admitted and that the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith is submitted only to advance prosecution of this application.

Claims 11-19 remain provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 7-9 of U.S. Patent Application No. 11/599,814. Applicants observe that the present application was filed earlier than U.S. Patent Application No. 11/599,814. In addition, due to the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, and discussed above, the provisional nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting (ODP) rejection should be the only rejection remaining in the earlier-filed, present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the provisional double patenting rejection in the present application and permit the present application to issue as a patent without a terminal disclaimer to the '814 application. **See MPEP § 804 (I) (B)(1).**

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann R. Pokalsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ann" and last name "Pokalsky" clearly distinguishable.

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